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SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF ANTARCTIC SEAL CONVENTION

REF: (A) STATE 216562, (B) BRUSSELS 728

1. BELGIAN ELECTIONS AND FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT
INTERFERRED WITH SENATE RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION.
FOLLOWING ELECTIONS A NEW RAPPORTEUR (SEN. CALEWAERT)
WAS DESIGNATED TO REPORT TO THE SENATE ON THE CONVENTION.
CALEWAERT HAS REPUTATION FOR EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF
MATTERS FOR WHICH HE IS RESPONSIBLE. CONVENTION ITSELF
REMAINS NON-CONTENTIOUS, APOLITICAL ISSUE IN BELGIUM.

2. WE ARE INFORMED BY PARLIAMENTARY SOURCE THAT
CONVENTION IS LIKELY TO BE AMONG FIRST ITEMS OF BUSINESS
ON SENATE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION AGENDA WHEN
PARLIAMENT RECONVENES IN OCTOBER. AFTER COMMISSION
APPROVAL, THE CONVENTION WILL PASS TO THE FULL SENATE
FOR DEBATE AND VOTE. THESE STEPS ARE NOT LIKELY TO
ENCOUNTER ANY MORE DIFFICULTY IN SENATE THAN THEY DID
IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES WHERE CONVENTION WAS APPROVED
UNANIMOUSLY ON DECEMBER 16, 1976.

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3. FOLLOWING SENATE APPROVAL, THE CONVENTION MUST BE
SIGNED BY THE KING AND PUBLISHED IN MONITEUR, OFFICIAL
GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, IN ORDER TO HAVE FORCE OF LAW.

4. OUR BEST CURRENT ESTIMATE FOR THE ENTIRE RATIFICATION
PROCESS TO BE COMPLETED IS FOR THE END OF 1977. WILL

ADVISE OF SIGNIFICANT STEPS AS THEY OCCUR. CHAMBERS

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